



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application

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Title: A PERSONAL COMPUTER AND SCANNER FOR
GENERATING CONVERSATION UTTERANCES
TO A REMOTE LISTENER IN RESPONSE TO A
QUIET SELECTION

PATENT APPLICATION

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RESPONSE A TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed on August 24, 2004. No fee is due for the addition of any new claims.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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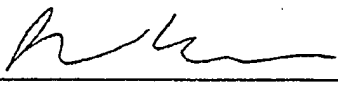
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storage and processing of the input, both claim groups recite devices for storing conversational elements and generating audible utterances. In both cases, a device storing conversation elements receives a user-selection of a conversation element, determines the requested conversation element, and generates an audible emission in response to the user selection.

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the two referenced claim groups do not comprise separate inventions and respectfully request that the Examiner lift the restriction requirement.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	50 minus 20=	30
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4 minus 3=	1
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	55	Minus 50	= 5
Independent	4	Minus 4	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total		Minus	=
Independent		Minus	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total		Minus	=
Independent		Minus	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			

- * If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.
 - ** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20."
 - *** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3."
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SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐

OR

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE	OR	RATE	FEE
	345.00			690.00
X\$ 9=			X\$18=	540 ⁰⁰
X39=			X78=	78 ⁰⁰
+130=			+260=	
TOTAL			TOTAL	138 ⁰⁰

SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐

OR

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	OR	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=			X\$18=	90 ⁰⁰
X39=			X78=	
+130=			+260=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE			TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

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